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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Kiyoshi TAKEUCHI et al. Conf.: 4055  
Appl. No.: 10/679,495 Group: 1752  
Filed: October 7, 2003 Examiner: G. LETSCHER  
For: DYE-FORMING COUPLER, SILVER HALIDE PHOTOGRAPHIC  
LIGHT-SENSITIVE MATERIAL, AND AZOMETHINE DYE  
COMPOUND

**INTERVIEW SUMMARY RECORD AND REPLY TO COMMUNICATION MAILED**  
**DECEMBER 28, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 9, 2005

Sir:

The Examiner initiated an interview with the undersigned on January 5, 2005. During the interview, the Examiner indicated that the restriction mailed December 28, 2004, was not proper and that she was planning on withdrawing the restriction requirement.

Applicants' Representative checked PAIR on February 2, 2005, February 7, 2005 and on March 8, 2005, in order to determine the status of the Restriction Requirement. According to PAIR, the communication mailed December 28, 2004, has not been withdrawn. Applicants' Representative contacted the Examiner on February 2, 2005, to determine when the Examiner would withdraw the written

Restriction Requirement. The Examiner assured Applicants' Representative that the Restriction Requirement would be withdrawn.

Accordingly, it is the understanding of Applicants' Representative that there is no need to respond to the outstanding USPTO Communication mailed December 28, 2004. Applicants note that the Examiner agreed to withdraw the communication on two separate occasions (e.g. January 5, 2005 and February 2, 2005).

No further response by Applicants is believed to be required.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

With respect to this specific communication, the Commissioner is **NOT** authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees, as no response is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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